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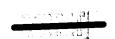
SUBJECT:

Product Coding Program in IR

25X1A9a Task Force, led by Chief of the Transport and Heavy
Machinery Branch of D/I, to review the proposal of IR to reduce
the scope of product coding and to strengthen the processing of
information obtained through
Task Force talked with officers in IR and with selected and
experienced analysts and supervisors of intelligence production
components within CRR. The Task Force concluded that the implementation of the proposal under consideration would not injure
the research efforts of CRR.

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- 2. As I understand it, the substance of the IR proposal is the reduction of product coding from 10 digits to 3 digits, thereby reducing the possibility for machine recovery of documents on specific products. Product coding to 10 digits would, however, continue to be available for all material in the IR files processed before the cut-off date on product coding. Manual searching would have to be done for any new material processed after the cut-off. Personnel would then be shifted to the pro-
- would code up to 7 digits in limited areas that might be selected by CRR Branches. Otherwise, machine recovery would be effected through 3 digits, with the IR analyst performing a manual search to recover documents coded beyond 3 digits. During our investigation, the Task Force discussed this matter with the Division Chiefs of the Economic and Geographic Besearch Areas and with the Chiefs of the Which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM, M/CR, which have made the greatest use of product coding -- I/GM is the context of the



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4. We feel that, while there would be some reduction in the ability of IR to recover speedily documents on specific commodities under the proposed change, the laterests of CRR analysts would not be materially damaged. ORR analysts in the past have made few requests for product coding that could not be covered by a 3-digit system. Furthermore, the analyst can continue to obtain machine recovery up to 10 digits on the mass of IR material processed prior to the changeover to the new system. We think that the strengthenand the area branches of IR made possible by the elimination of the Product Coding Branch will more then compensate for the slight reduction in the efficiency of IR product coding.

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5. ORR concurs with the change in the product coding system as proposed by IR.

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